

## **The Galveston Bay Plan**

### **Restoration Plan Database: Crystal Reports of Individual Plan Summaries**

#### **I. BASIC PLAN DATA**

**Plan name:**

The Galveston Bay Plan

**Brief description of plan:**

Galveston Bay ranks high among the nation's great bay systems, providing huge economic benefits to the region and state. This Plan is a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan produced by the Galveston Bay National Estuary program under Section 320 of the Water Quality Act.

**Region the plan is located within:**

Gulf of Mexico Region

**Watershed(s) included within the plan:**

G260x

**Area plan covers (in square miles):**

square miles

**Plan scale:**

Multi-county

**Plan's lead organization(s):**

Galveston Bay National Estuary Program

**Plan's Main Contact Information:**

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**On-line version of plan:**

**Date of original plan:**

3/1995

## **II. TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

**Plan includes restoration goals:** Y

**Level of detail of the goals:**

MS

**Summary of the goals:**

Increase the quantity and improve the quality of wetlands for fish and wildlife. Eliminate or mitigate the conversion of wetlands to other uses caused by human activities. Acquire existing wetland habitats and provide economic incentives for conservation. Reverse the declining population trend for affected species of marine organisms and birds, and maintain the populations of other economic and ecologically important species. Selectively moderate erosional impacts to the bay and associated shorelines. Increase productivity of oyster reefs in West Bay. Restore deteriorated colonial bird nesting islands to usefulness and create new islands for birds where nesting habitat is inadequate. Eradicate or reduce the population of exotic-opportunistic species which threaten desirable native species, habitats and ecological relationships. Prevent the introduction of additional exotic species.

**Plan recommends restoration of specific project sites:**

N

**Plan includes a discussion of funding sources:**

Y

**Plan addresses long-term protection of restored sites:**

Y

**Partners included in developing the plan:**

Federal  
State  
Local  
Port Authorities/Commissions  
Business/Industry  
Non-profit Organizations  
Academia  
Private landowners

**Type(s) of public outreach included during plan development:**

Held public workshops, meetings, open house, or scoping meetings  
Held focus groups  
Formed an advisory group(s)  
Was subject to a public comment period

**Plan includes public outreach as part of plan implementation (e.g. annual public meeting, local group participation):**

Y

**Plan discusses the application of innovative approaches to restoration:**

N

**Plan make use of GIS mapping capabilities:**

N

**Plan addresses monitoring/reference sites for ecosystem level monitoring (baseline conditions) by:**

S

**Plan addresses monitoring/reference sites for project level monitoring by:**

N

**The plan discusses or coordinates with other restoration plans covering the same geographic area:**

Y

**Other plan names:**

Texas Coastal Management Plan

**Plan contains detailed information on historic and/or current habitat size, rate of loss, acres restored or protected, etc.):**

Y

**Summary of this habitat information:**

The Galveston Bay system has lost some 30,000 acres of wetland habitat (almost 20 percent) since the 1950s. This loss far exceeds the national average losses for estuarine wetlands. Almost 90 percent of the bay's seagrasses have been lost. Ninety percent of the commercially and recreationally important fish and shellfish species in the Gulf of Mexico use coastal wetlands for one or more stages in their life cycle